

ROTARY LAKESHORE IN ACTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2022

Club Recognized with District Awards!

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore has been recognized by the District with a number of awards for our 2020-2021 Year.

Lighthouse Award

Lakeshore was one of 15 Clubs (of the 64 Clubs on the District Map) recognized with the Lighthouse Award for 2020-2021 including all 3 St. Catharines Clubs (12 on Ontario and 3 in New York). The Award is presented in recognition of outstanding performance in serving our community, international service, youth services, supporting the Rotary Foundation and being a vibrant Rotary Club.

Foundation Accomplishment Awards

In addition, the Club received banners for:

1. Being a 100 percent Foundation giving club - only 14 Clubs of 64 in our District received this.
2. Being an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club (Same qualification as Banner #1 above but for the Annual Fund only) - only 12 clubs received this award.

These Banners represent 100 percent of our members giving a minimum of \$25 USD, averaging \$100 USD per member, to The Rotary Foundation (Banner #1) or Annual Fund only (Banner #2).



Congratulations to all the members as your efforts over the 2020-2021 Rotary Year made these awards possible.



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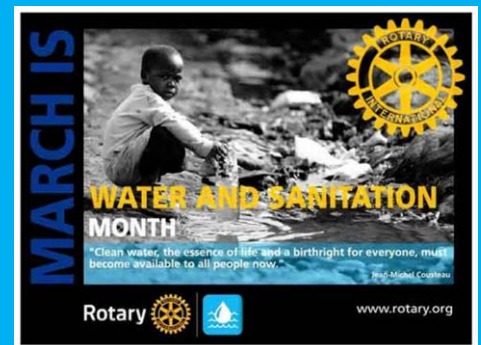
Upcoming Meetings:

March 9, 2022

Shannon Douglas
Quest Community Health Care
(OSDCP)

March 23, 2022

Emily Paver
Guatemala Literacy Project



BINGO Volunteers on Hold until March!

Once we start up again, it will be:
Mondays and Thursdays:
5:30 - 7 p.m.
Now only one volunteer needed per session!



Membership Spotlight

Welcome New Members Laura, Angela and Atif!

The Rotary Club of St. Catharines Lakeshore is pleased to welcome new members Laura Corder, Angela Wyrzimaga and Atif Shafi. Laura and Angela were inducted virtually at the Club's January 12th Zoom meeting with Atif inducted on February 9th. Membership Chair Marlene Mader visited each of the new members, all fully masked of course, to present them with their New Member packages.

Born and raised in Mississauga, then moving to Vineland three years ago to be closer to her family, Laura has been a member of the Rotary Club of Lincoln for the past two years, transferring to St. Catharines Lakeshore recently. With a BA in Geography from Carleton University in Ottawa, she has worked in a wide variety of sectors, honing her skills in customer/client service, accounting, facilities administration and office management. Today, Laura serves as an Administrative Assistant at the Welland location of Niagara Community Legal Clinic, assisting low-income clients. While volunteering at the Heritage Gift Shop in Jordan, she met a kind woman who introduced her to the Rotary Club of Lincoln. In November 2021, Laura was nominated by the Heritage Gift Shop for a "Good Citizen Award" which she received from the Town of Lincoln. Laura also volunteers monthly for the Breakfast Program at St. Georges Anglican Church in St. Catharines, an organization our World & Community Committee recently supported with a donation.

Angela is new to Rotary. A life-long resident of Niagara, born and raised in Beamsville, she recently left the position of Manager of Human Resources at Pathstone Mental Health to take a parallel position at Sullivan Mahoney law firm in St. Catharines. She attended both Beamsville District Secondary School and Ridley College for high school, continuing her education at the University of Western Ontario graduating with a double major in Political Science and Philosophy. After graduation, she obtained both her Ontario Real Estate license and Broker's license and joined the family business. After a few years and realizing she didn't see the business as her forever career, she enrolled in Niagara College's Business Administration – Human Resources Co-op diploma program. While in that program, she was placed at the Niagara Centre for Youth Care learning more about children's mental health and the services offered by NCYC.

Angela has held many volunteer positions including coaching youth soccer and serving as a Director on various Boards and committees including DeafBlind Ontario Services (Newmarket), Early Childhood Community Development Centre (ECCDC)(Current) and Chaika Ukrainian Song and Dance Ensemble (Hamilton) (Current). Another passion is world travel, having travelled extensively over the last twenty years to places including much of Europe, Hong Kong, Egypt, Iceland, most U.S. states, cross Canada east to west, the Caribbean, South America and her favorite city to date – Copenhagen.

Stay tuned for next month's issue to learn more about Atif!



Sign up for March 1 & 2 Group Blood Donation!

Our group has grown to the point that we now require two nights in every Event to ensure even more people can do their part, understanding that only 50% of Canadians can donate and only 4% do!! Did you know there's no maximum age to donate?

Please contact [Beth](#) for our next event March 1/2 with a minimum of 50 appointments available.



Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup Returns

(Week of Earth Day – April 16 to 24)



As you know as part of Governor Anne's mission to increase membership through Service Projects, our District is encouraging every Rotary and Rotaract Club to once again participate in this Rotary Area of Focus – Protecting the Environment. Fifteen Districts surrounding the Great Lakes are joining in the largest international Service Club initiative ever.

It is our hope and belief that this year COVID restrictions will be lifted allowing us to proceed during Earth Week.

Food4Kids February Pack

We were the first volunteer group to pack after the volunteer shut down in January. On February 16th, Club members packed 342 bags of food to be distributed to 25 schools. Special thanks to first time packers Coral, Bruce, and Willy.

The club has secured another pack date for March 2nd and Marlene is looking for 7 volunteers. Please let her know if you are available to help.



Are You on Social Media

Check out our Club pages!



2022 Rotary International Convention
Houston, Texas • June 4-18, 2022



- [Registration Fees and Link](#)
- [Events](#)
- [Program Highlights](#)

Past Club Newsletters Available
on Website

NOTE: This, and all past, newsletters are available on the [Rotary Lakeshore website](#).

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

1) Blood Donation

March 1 & 2, 2021

Email [Beth](#) to sign up

2) Great Lakes Clean-up

April 24, 2022

Charles Ansell Park

3) D7090 Club Training Assembly

May 7, 2022

Zoom

Club Meeting Information

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:15 PM
Board Meeting 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Where: Hybrid Meeting

- In-person for dinner at the Holiday Inn Suites (Pre-registration is required)

OR

- On Zoom (Link will be sent out)

Non Members, contact President Courtney at Courtneyusborne@gmail.com for Dinner invite OR Zoom link.

WHAT'S NEW AT DISTRICT & ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

D7090 Club Training Assembly May 7, 2022 on Zoom

- Every Rotarian's Annual Playbook for Innovative Tips on All Aspects of Club Operations
- Sixteen NEW and UPDATED Sessions on everything from On-Line Fundraising or Obtaining Club Grants to Running Hybrid Meetings, Youth Activities, Service Project Ideas, Integrating Diversity, Attracting and Retaining Members and much more.
- Practical Examples and Innovative Operations tips from other Clubs.
- Valuable Insights and Actionable Ideas on what works.

